

Business Meeting/*In This Together* Presentation

Business 51
Green Drive to Springville Drive
Plover Municipal Center
2400 Post Road, Plover
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Welcome

The purpose of today's meeting is to help prepare local businesses for the upcoming reconstruction of Business 51 (Post Road), between Green Drive and Springville Drive, in Plover. Construction on this section of Business 51 is expected to begin as early as April 2016.

We will also discuss the *In This Together* program, which is designed to help business and community leaders plan for impacts associated with road construction projects. The program covers a variety of techniques used successfully by other business owners and communities throughout Wisconsin.

Project background

Business 51, between County B and Minnesota Avenue, has reached the end of its service life. Crashes on this section of Business 51 occur at a rate that is higher than average when compared to roadways with a similar design. Local drivers express frustration with the difficulties of entering and crossing the roadway.

The reconstruction project will:

- Convert the existing undivided, four-lane roadway to a divided, four-lane roadway with wider lanes, a raised median, and designated turn lanes
- Provide new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and street lighting

Three projects are scheduled to complete the reconstruction of Business 51:

- Green Drive to Springville Drive is scheduled to begin as early as April 2016
- Tommy's Turnpike to Minnesota Avenue is currently scheduled to begin in 2018
- Springville Drive to Tommy's Turnpike is currently scheduled to begin in 2021

Traffic impacts in 2016 (Green Drive to Springville Drive)

Business 51 will remain open to one lane in each direction for the majority of construction in 2016. Motorists can also expect to encounter temporary traffic signals.

Work to move utilities began in late 2015. Some tree cutting could begin as early as February 2016. These activities may involve short-term lane closures.

- **April 2016** – Stage one will include closing the outside northbound lane so crews can construct a temporary roadway.
- **May to July 2016** – During the second stage, all traffic will be moved to the northbound lanes. The southbound lanes of Business 51 will be under construction.
 - A five-day closure will of Business 51 between Willow Drive and Chestnut Drive will occur during the replacement of a railroad crossing. Through traffic will be detoured to I-39 during the closure.
- **July to October 2016** – During the third stage, all traffic will be switched onto the new southbound lanes. The northbound lanes of Business 51 will be under construction.
- **October to November 2016** – Stage four will include closing the inside northbound and southbound lanes, leaving the outside lanes of Business 51 open to traffic. During this stage, crews will be working on the median.

Construction-related traffic impacts are subject to change and are dependent on favorable weather conditions and construction status.

For more information on the reconstruction of Business 51 (Post Road) in 2016, please visit the construction website

<http://projects.511wi.gov/business51/>

Stay informed during construction

Projects schedules are very dynamic and can change based on weather conditions and construction status. It is important for you to stay informed about the progress of the project to ensure that your customers' needs are met.

- One way to stay informed is by signing up for weekly construction updates. Weekly information about the project will be sent to you through email:

<http://projects.511wi.gov/business51/sign-up-for-updates>

- Another way to stay informed and to share information about the project is to follow us on Twitter: **@WisDOTnorthcent**

In This Together

We recognize that businesses located in work zones have specialized needs. It is critical that your customers know that they have access to your business, regardless of road work inconvenience.

The *In This Together* program has helped community leaders and business owners successfully plan for construction activities. The program is resource for business and community leaders to determine proactive communication strategies that will help your customers understand and adjust to road construction.

Through creativity, organization, communication, and cooperation your business can not only survive, but thrive, when road construction comes to your community.

How to find more information

- Go to <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/in-together/default.aspx>
- Or search for the *In This Together* program from WisDOT's home page <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

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